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SUMMER LITERATURE.

The Voice of The Negro, an illustrated monthly magazine, published at Atlanta, Ga., is out for August. Its pages are replete with good things. Although a new candidate for public favor, the *Voice of The Negro* has already won a place for itself in the literary world, and each issue seems to be an improvement on the preceeding one. The August number is devoted largely to the World's Fair, at St. Louis, and the National Negro Business League, which meets in Indianapolis, Indiana, the last of this month. Those who would keep up with the literary progress and development of the race will do well to secure a copy each month, of *The Voice of The Negro*.

EDITORIAL THOUGHTS.

We are giving some opinions of the colored press in this issue of THE COLORED AMERICAN about the strikers and strike breakers. There are some differences of opinion, but the main issue is: Does the colored man who accepts employment in times of strike benefit himself? He is merely used as a means to an end it seems, and his job lasts no longer than the strike lasts. He is then turned out, the strikers replaced and the feeling of race prejudice increased.

The man who is pessimistic about everything, who is continually finding fault with others, is the man to be watched. The optimistic, well meaning man is too much engaged in his own affairs to meddle with the affairs of others.

If the colored people of the country will follow Dr. Washington's advice of making themselves useful and as far as possible indispensable in the community in which they live and in the occupations in which they are engaged, they will have gone very far toward solving the race problem.

The volunteer editor is a new factor in race journalism. He, like the carpet-bag leader, grows out of conditions. He is usually a man with a smattering of an education and with a number of axes to grind. He volunteers his services to the editor and uses that service and privilege to flay his enemies unmercifully; this accomplished he retires, leaving the real owner of the paper to bear the calumny and law suits and whatever trouble that follows in the wake.

The colored press of Indiana and Illinois is not at all mealy mouthed in praise of the National Democratic Chairman, Thomas Taggart, of Indiana.

The Star of Zion contributes a very timely editorial in its issue of August 4th, to the preachers, whom it denominates the "truest leaders of the race," and the *Star* sustains its position by strong facts and arguments. It is a fact that for the past forty years no class of men have contributed so much to the development and to the advancement of the race as has the preacher. The school teacher has done his work, the politician and the business men have done their work; but the efforts to develop the race along all lines, to organize it into active working bodies, has been the work of the minister. They have not all been educated, and all of them have not lived up to the tenets of the decalogue, but their power for good has been great and far reaching. We do not hesitate to say that the most scholarly, most liberal, most eloquent and the profoundest men of the race, belong to that class known as preachers.

The notoriety seeker is abroad in the land and when all else fails to attract attention he has Booker T. Washington or Theodore Roosevelt to fall back on.

There is a little stir in G. A. R. circles and the ripple emanates from Kentucky, where the Whittaker Post raises the Lily White flag and declares it will not march under a colored State Vice-Commander. There is indeed no fool like the old fool.

The Post Office Department has declined to name a Post Office after the gubernatorial bully of Mississippi.

The colored Republicans of Virginia have very wisely decided to become a part and parcel of the Republican organization of that State. Heretofore they have let all of the honors and emoluments go to the white Republicans for peace and harmony sake, but they have learned that old, old lesson which is as old as the hills, that the more one does for others the more he may do.

The *Cleveland Journal*, one of our most interesting and newsy exchanges, printed a well written sketch with a

picture of Mr. Charles Alexander, editor of the *Boston Colored Citizen* in a recent issue. Mr. Alexander is a practical newspaper man and since taking hold of *The Colored Citizen* has brought it up into the first ranks of race newspapers. He is a tireless worker and gifted speaker and has proven already his ability to give the people of the Hub City an interesting up-to-date newspaper.

REGISTER LYON'S RETURN.

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury, and member of the National Republican Committee, has just returned from a trip to Kansas and other points in the West. He spoke at an emancipation celebration at Kansas City, Mo., on the fourth instant, where ten thousand people turned out to hear him. He states that the Republican outlook in the West is very bright, and that the very mention of the Roosevelt and Fairbanks in that section, causes the wildest enthusiasm. The people are all prosperous and happy, and are satisfied to let well enough alone. Mr. Lyons is in great demand as a speaker and his counsel is frequently sought by the party leaders, and by the members of the Republican National Committee.

LAWYER CUMMINGS COMING.

The young men from the different States of the Union, moved by the common desire to show appreciation of, and honor to, the Hon. Harry Sythe Cummings, of Baltimore, have arranged for a banquet to be given in his honor, Tuesday night, August 16, 1904, at Odd Fellows' Hall. From present indications the affair gives promise of being a notable one.

CITY PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. William L. Pollard spent his vacation in the East this summer instead of in the wilds of West Virginia.

Miss Louise Alston Burleigh contributes an original poem to the *Philadelphia Tribune*, entitled, "A Real Love."

Mr. H. J. Green, a successful insurance Agent, located in Charlotte, N. C., spent a few days in this city last week.

Mr. J. Max Barber, business manager of *The Voice of the South*, is sojourning in this city looking after the interests of his publication.

Miss Maude Flemings, a graduate of M street High School, class 1904, has gone to Detroit, Mich., where she has accepted a lucrative position.

Mrs. Mary I. Ross, of this city, and who is now sojourning in West Glover, N. Y., will attend the G. A. R. Encampment in Boston.

Mr. Thos. H. Buckingham, proprietor of the Waldorf on Druidhill Ave., Baltimore, Md., spent a few hours in the city last Friday.

Prof. G. H. C. Williams of this city, Superintendent of Agriculture at the Normal Industrial School, Normal, Ala., is making a fine record at that point.

Hons. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury and John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds, have returned from Kansas City, Mo., where they both made emancipation speeches August 4.

The Jane Moseley left the Potomac wharf last Friday evening, August 5, for Baltimore, where it will spend two weeks running excursions out from the Monumental City. It will return in time to take the Buffaloes to Somerset Beach, Sunday, August 21.

Mrs. Mary A. Brown, proprietor of the Porters' Exchange, accompanied by her daughter and Mr. Edward Smith manager, will attend the Fifth Annual meeting of the National Negro Business League, which meets at Indianapolis, Ind., August 31.

A large delegation of the business men of this city will attend the Business League in Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 31. Among those who will go are Messrs. J. H. Winslow, W. H. Dabney, Lewis Jefferson, Mr. Frank Gaines Edward E. Cooper, Jack M. Ryan, and a number of others.

Mr. Jesse Gerald Taylor, a graduate from the Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio, has accepted a position as head of the piano department of the Conservatory of Music, in this city. Mr. Taylor stands at the head of his profession.

Mr. Edward Williams, head waiter at the Hotel Lincoln, Pittsburg, Pa., is spending his vacation in this city. He is an old Washington boy and found many old friends and school-mates to greet him on his return visit.

The success of the reception tendered Mrs. Mary Church Terrell by the Committee of 100 colored citizens of Washington, at Metropolitan church, last Wednesday night, is due very largely to the efforts of Dr. J. R. Wilder and H. C. Tyson, both of whom contributed generously of their time and talent to make the affair the success it was.

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